

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 23, 32-41, 57, 59-61, 63, 65, and 66-69.

Claims 1 and 8 again stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lien et al. (U.S. 6,493,050). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons of record, and as follows. A *prima facie* case of anticipation has not been established against the present invention, and the Examiner still appears to have not given full consideration to all of the recited language from claims 1 and 8 of the present invention. Accordingly, all of those arguments put forth in Response E, as well as the previous Responses, are incorporated by reference herein.

Applicants first note for the record that the Examiner has mischaracterized some of Applicants' previous arguments. On page 3 of the outstanding Office Action (Paragraph No. 4), the Examiner asserts that "Applicants contend that Lien does not show any adjacent edges of color filters at all." Applicants never made such an argument. What Applicants argued was that "Fig. 1A of Lien does not show any adjacent edges of color filters at all." (Page 3, paragraph 3 of Response E). This actual statement is still correct, and unchallenged by the Examiner. Fig 1A of Lien shows only a single color filter layer, with no terminal edges to any individual color filters in the layer. This deficiency in Fig. 1A of Lien is significant, because the Examiner still relies only upon Figs. 1A and 17 of the reference to support the rejection. As also previously argued though, Fig. 17 simply does not read upon all of the limitations of claims 1 and 8 of the present invention either.

With respect to Fig. 17 of Lien specifically, the Examiner still has not given full consideration to all of the recited features and limitations of the present invention when citing Fig. 17. Specifically, on the first line of page 4 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the “part of adjacent two color filters on the same level” that appear in Fig. 17 with respect to color filters 510 and 504 in the layer 600 somehow read upon all of the features of the present invention. As repeatedly explained to the Examiner though, the particular “adjacency” cited by the Examiner in Fig. 17 does not represent two directly adjacent terminal edges of the color filters 510, 504 of the drawing. In making this assertion, the Examiner has given no meaning to the claim term “terminal.”

As repeatedly argued, and without any effective rebuttal by the Examiner, the portion of Lien’s color filter layer 510 that is directly adjacent to the terminal edge of the color filter layer 504 under the spacers 602/604 is not a terminal edge of the layer 510. This portion of the layer 510 does not *terminate* at the specific point identified by the Examiner. By definition, the terminal edge of the color filter layer 510 in Fig. 17 is the portion where the layer ends. The end of Lien’s layer 510 which is clearly shown to line up with the spacers 602/604 (right side), which line-up point is unmistakably illustrated to be well away from the “edge” of the color filter layer 504 identified by the Examiner. The only directly adjacent terminal edges of any two layers shown in Fig. 17 appear where color filter layer 504 meets color filter layer 512. Lien, however, clearly shows that the spacers 602/604 are not formed above this joining point. Accordingly, a

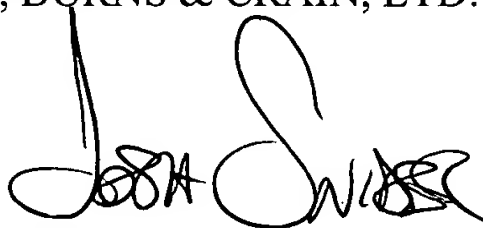
prima facie case of anticipation has simply not been established against claims 1 and 8 of the present invention.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including at least claims 1, 8, 23, 32-41, 57, 59-61, 63, and 65-69, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if a further interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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